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إنَّ من آياتِ الله العظيمةِ هذه الأرض التي تمشي في مَنَاجِبِهَا وَنَسِيرُ فِي فِجَاجِهَا وَنَعِيشُ عَلَى ظَهْرِهَا ، فَإِنَّ فِيهَا من الآياتِ العظيمةِ والدلالاتِ الكريمةِ على كَمَالِ قُدْرَةِ خَالِقِهَا وَتَمَامِ حِكْمَةِ مُبْدِعِهَا ، ولذا فقد أكثر اللهُ من ذِكْرِهَا فِي الْقُرْآنِ ودَعَا عِبَادَهُ إِلَى النَظَرِ إِلَيْهَا وَالتَّفَكُّرِ فِي خَلْقِهَا وَالتَّأَمُّلِ فِي آيَاتِهَا وَعَجَائِبِهَا لِيُزَادَ بِذَلِكَ إِيمَانُهُمْ وَيَقْوَى يَقِينُهُمْ .

O servants of Allah, surely there are numerous signs in our creation that Allah has created so that we may remember Him and be reminded of His greatness and sole right to be worshipped. Indeed from amongst the most apparent signs that we see in our daily lives, is this amazing and magnificent earth that we live upon today. Indeed this earth is from Allah's greatest proofs proving His complete and perfect ability to do what He wills with perfection, accuracy and precision. For this reason we find that Allah mentions the earth numerous times in the Quran, and encouraged us to ponder, think and contemplate over the earth, it's creation, it's perfection, and ponder over it's great and magnificent signs, it's miracles, so that our faith and certainty in Allah is increased.

يقول الله تعالى : { وَالْأَرْضَ فَرَشْنَاهَا فَنِعْمَ الْمَاهِدُونَ } [الذاريات:48] ،

‘And we have spread out the Earth, and what excellent spreaders We are!’

ويقول تعالى : { أَلَمْ نَجْعَلِ الْأَرْضَ مِهَادًا } [النبا:6] ،

‘Have we not bed the earth as a bed?’

ويقول سبحانه : { الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فِرَاشًا } [البقرة:22]

‘Who has made the earth a resting place for you’

And Allah says:

{ أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى الْإِبِلِ كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ (17) وَإِلَى السَّمَاءِ كَيْفَ رُفِعَتْ (18) وَإِلَى الْجِبَالِ كَيْفَ نُصِبَتْ

(19) وَإِلَى الْأَرْضِ كَيْفَ سُطِحَتْ } [الغاشية:17-20]

‘Do they not look at the camels, how they are created? And at the heavens, how they are raised? And at the mountains, how they are fixed firm in the earth? And at the earth, how it is outspread?’

And Allah says:

{ إِنَّ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ } [الجاثية:3] ، وقال تعالى : { وَفِي الْأَرْضِ آيَاتٌ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ }

[الذاريات:20] والآيات في هذا المعنى كثيرة .

‘Verily in the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers, and says: ‘And on the earth are signs for those who have faith with certainty’

ومن يتأمل الأرض وكيف خلقت يجدها من أعظم آيات فاطرها وبديعها ، خلقها سبحانه فرأشاً ومهاداً ، وذلكها لِعِبَادِهِ وجعل فيها أرزاقهم وأقواتهم ومعایشهم ، وجعل فيها السبيل لِيَسْتَقِلُّوا فِيهَا فِي حَوَائِجِهِمْ وَتَصَرَّفَاتِهِمْ كما قال تعالى :
 {هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِن رِّزْقِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ} [الملك:15] .

Whoever ponders and contemplates about the earth and how it was created, will indeed find clear-cut proofs and amazing signs and evidences of it's creator and maker.

Indeed, our lord created this wonderful earth and spread it out as a bed, and resting place for all creatures. He also made the earth subservient to us and placed within it our livelihood, our sustenance and our provisions. And out of his mercy he placed within the earth: roads and pathways so that we can move, walk and ride throughout the earth in search of our provisions and sustenance, as Allah says:

'He is the one who has made the earth subservient to you so walk in the path and eat of His provisions. And to Him will be the resurrection

ثم إنَّه سبحانه أرساها بالجبال فجعلها أوتاداً لها تحفظها لئلا تَمِيدَ بِهِمْ... فأحکم حوائجها بالجبال الراسيات الشوامخ الصُّمِّ الصَّالِبِ كما قال تعالى {أَلَمْ نَجْعَلِ الْأَرْضَ مِهَادًا (6) وَالْجِبَالَ أَوْتَادًا} [النبأ:6-7] وقال تعالى : {وَالْجِبَالَ أَرْسَاهَا} [النازعات:32] ، وقال تعالى : {وَأَلْقَى فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ} [النحل:15] .

Then Allah the Most glorified fixed the mountains firmly in their places and made them as pegs within the earth to protect His creation and so that the earth doesn't shake, and created the beautiful mountains high and towering overlooking the valleys and lowlands beneath them, as Allah says: 'Have we not made the earth as a bed?', and Allah says: 'And the mountains He has fixed firmly', and Allah says: And He has affixed into the earth mountains standing firm lest the earth would shake with you.'

ثم إنه سبحانه جعل الأرض كفاتاً للأحياء والأموات ، قال تعالى : {أَلَمْ نَجْعَلِ الْأَرْضَ كِفَاتًا (25) أَحْيَاءَ وَأَمْواتًا} [المرسلات:25-26] ، فهي تضمهم على ظهرها ما دأمو أحياء ، ثم تضمهم في بطنها إذا ماتوا ، فظهرها ووطن للأحياء، وبطنها وطن للأموات .

And from Allah's wisdom is that he made the earth to be not only a resting place for the living, but also a resting place for the dead, as Allah says: 'Didn't we make the earth as a receptacle. For the living and the dead?'

The earth carries us for a short period of time on top of it, as long as we are alive and living, and the earth also carries us within it, when our lives our over and we have passed away and deceased.

The face of the earth being a resting place for living humans and all types of animals. and the belly of the earth being a resting place for the deceased.

And be informed brothers and sisters that this same earth that we live upon, grow up upon, travel upon, sleep upon, work upon, will testify either for us or against us on the day of resurrection as Allah says:

إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا (1) وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا (2) وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا (3) يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا (4) بَأَنَّ رَبَّكَ أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا (5) يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصُدُّرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِيُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ (6) فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ (7) وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ (8)

When the earth is shaken with it's final earthquake, and when the earth throws out it's burdens, and man will say: what is the matter with it, that day the earth will declare its information about what happened upon it, because your lord will inspire it, that day mankind will proceed in scattered groups that they may be shown their deeds, so whoever does an atoms weight of good shall see it, and whoever does an atoms weight of evil shall see it.'

ثم إنه سبحانه ميّز بين قطعها وفضل بعضها على بعض بالزروع المختلفّة والنبتات المتنوّعة كما قال تعالى: {وفي الأرض قطع متجاورات وحنّات من أعناب وزرع ونخيل صنوان وغير صنوان يسقى بماء واحد ونفضل بعضها على بعض في الأكل إن في ذلك لآيات لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ} [الرعد:4].

And Allah The Most glorified distinguished between different parts and areas throughout the earth, and made some to be more beneficial and more advantageous than others, some parts of the earth he created with farmland and vegetation, with different types of fruits, vegetables, flowers, trees, weeds, and plantgrowth, as Allah says: 'And within the earth are neighboring tracts and gardens of vines, and fields of green crops, and date palms growing into two or three from a single stem root, or one stem root for every plant, watered with the same water; yet some of them we make better than others to eat. Verily in these things there are proofs for the people who understand.'

ومن آيات الله العظيمة أنّك ترى القطعة من الأرض هامدة خاشعة لا زرع فيها ولا نبات فإذا أنزل عليها الكرم الرمن الماء اهتزت وتحركت ، وربت فارتفعت ، واخضرت وأنبتت من كل زوج بمجكما قال تعالى: {وترى الأرض هامدة فإذا أنزلنا عليها الماء اهتزت وربت وأنبتت من كل زوج بهيج (5) ذلك بأن الله هو الحق وأنه يحيي الموتى وأنه على كل شيء قدير (6) [الحج:5-6].

Also from Allah's great signs within this earth is that we sometimes observe the earth barren without vegetation, and after Allah sends down rain from the heavens we see that same barren earth now flourishing with beautiful green plant growth, luscious vegetation, and is stirred with life and beauty pleasing to the eyes and the sight, as Allah says:

And you see the earth barren, but when we send down water on it, it is stirred and brought back to life, and it swells and puts forth every lovely kind of growth. That is because Allah is the truth and it is he who gives life to the dead and it is He who is able to do all things

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واعلموا أن الله خلق الأرض وكل ما عليها، وكذلك خلق الإنسان.... ذلك المخلوق العجيب، ومن حكّمته سبحانه أنه أخرجه من الأرض وأنبته منها كما قال تعالى: {وَاللَّهُ أَنْبَتَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ نَبَاتًا (17) ثُمَّ يُعِيدُكُمْ فِيهَا وَيُخْرِجُكُمْ إِخْرَاجًا } [نوح:17-18] .

And Allah created us as human beings, that magnificent and amazing creature, and brought us forth from the earth, as Allah says: 'And Allah has brought you forth from the dust of the earth, and afterwards He will return you into it and bring you forth again on the day of resurrection.

إنّ خلق الإنسان من آياتٍ عظيمةٍ التي تنطق بحكمة الخالق وعظمته، هل استغفنا هذا؟ هل استكبرنا هذا؟ إذا فاستمع إلى ما هو أعظم وأكبر من خلق الإنسان كما قال تالي: ﴿لَخَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ .

Indeed these are great signs and evidences that manifest Allah's greatness and wisdom. Indeed creation of the human being is great and magnificent, but surely there is something much greater than the creation of the human being as Allah says: The creation of the heavens and the earth is indeed greater than the creation of mankind, but most of mankind know not. Let us ponder over Allah's creation within this earth.

وأيضا تأمل تعاقب الليل والنهار بصورة معتدلة كما قال تعالى: ﴿وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ خِلْفَةً لِمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَذَّكَّرَ أَوْ أَرَادَ شُكُورًا﴾ .

إنّ تعاقب الليل والنهار نعمة عظيمة؛ إذ هي تنظم وجود الأحياء على الأرض، من نمو التّبات، وتفتح الأزهار، ونضج الثمار كما قال تعالى: ﴿قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ اللَّيْلَ سَرْمَدًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ إِلَهٌ غَيْرُ اللَّهِ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِضِيَاءٍ أَمْ لَا تَسْمَعُونَ﴾ ﴿قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ النَّهَارَ سَرْمَدًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ إِلَهٌ غَيْرُ اللَّهِ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِلَيْلٍ تَسْكُنُونَ فِيهِ أَمْ لَا تُبْصِرُونَ﴾ .

Ponder over the changing of day to night and night to day upon this earth in a perfectly organized and accurately timed precision, as Allah says: And he it is who has placed the night and day in succession, for those who desire to remember or desire to show gratitude.'

The succession of night and day upon the earth is an enormous blessing, it organized and arranges the life upon this earth, growth of vegetation, the opening of flowers, and even the ripeness of fruits and vegetables, Allah says in the Quran: Say O muhammad, Tell me, If Allah made the night continuous for you until the day of resurrection, which God besides Allah could bring you light, will you not then hear? Say O Muhammad Tell me, If Allah made the day continuous for you until the day of resurrection which God besides Allah could bring you night wherein you rest. Will you not then see and observe? Let us be observers of this magnificent creation and be thankful and grateful to Allah for enabling us to live upon this earth.

اعملوا أن لو سَكَنَتْ حركة الشمس فوق الأرض لَفَرَقَ نِصْفُ الأَرْضِ فِي لَيْلٍ سَرْمَدِي، وَغَرَقَ نِصْفُهَا الأخر فِي نَهَارٍ سَرْمَدِي كما قال تعالى: ﴿ وَمِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ لِتَسْكُنُوا فِيهِ وَلِتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴾ ...

Be informed that if the movement of the sun stopped then half of the earth would be covered with everlasting darkness and the other half would be covered with everlasting daylight, and out of Allah's mercy he has not made the creation as so, as He says:

It is out of His mercy that he has made for you the night and the day that you may rest therein and that you may seek His bounties, and in order that you may be grateful.'

So let us be grateful O servants of Allah upon his earth and do that which pleases the creator of this earth while living upon it.

ثم ميّز سبحانه بين الذين آمنوا وعملوا الصالحات والمفسدين في الأرض ، فأعدّ للمؤمنين الأجور العظيمة والعطايا الكريمة ، وأعدّ للمفسدين العذاب الأليم كما قال تعالى: { أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَالْمُفْسِدِينَ فِي الأَرْضِ أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الْمُتَّقِينَ كَالْفُجَّارِ } [ص:28] .

والواجب على كل إنسان أن يَنْظُرَ إلى حاله ونفسه فوق أرض الله ماذا يعمل ؟ وماذا أعدّ لِلِقَاءِ رَبِّ الأَرْضِ وَرَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَرَبِّ الخَلْقِ أَجْمَعِينَ ؟

Allah distinguished between those who do good and righteous actions within the earth and those who cause corruption within the earth, He has prepared a great reward and generous payment for the obedient believers upon this earth, and He has also prepared a painful punishment for those causing corruption upon this earth, as Allah says: 'Shall we treat those who believe in Allah alone and do righteous good deeds as those who worship other than Allah and commit crimes on the earth? Or shall we treat the pious, the righteous, the ones who are conscious of Allah, as we treat the fujaar, the criminals, disbelievers, the wicked, those spreading corruption.? It is necessary that all of us observe and analyze our situation upon this earth, what did we do, what didn't we do? Were we righteous or spreading corruption. And what have we prepared to meet the lord of this earth, the lord of the heavens and all of creation.

So let us be from those who ponder over Allah's magnificent signs within his earth, and be reminded of Allah's great power, ability, strength, wisdom, perfection and might to create such a wonderful earth that we live upon. And we ask Allah to make us of those who do righteous deeds upon the earth and not from those who spread corruption upon the earth.